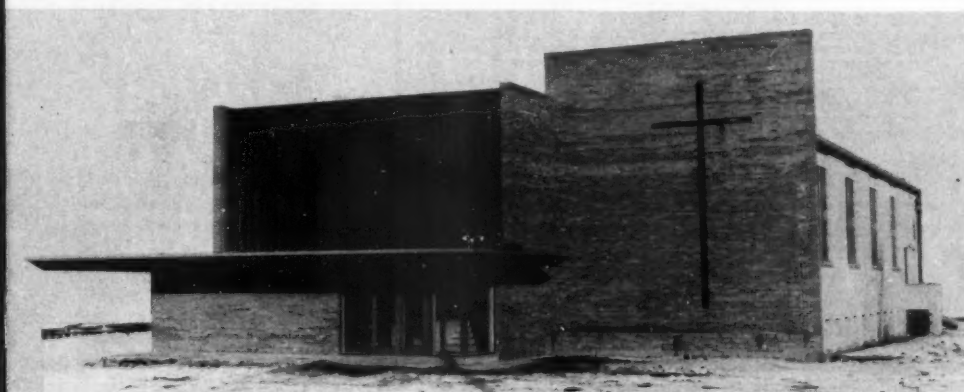


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the Readers' response

To the Editor:

I enjoyed very much the issue of May 7 in which you featured the "Mother of the Year." From the description given of this mother and grandmother she indeed deserves the honor. I know of no one that could more adequately represent the Church of God as "Mother of the Year" than this woman. I am sure there are many who would like to see a picture of the husband of such a blessed woman, if possible. I know that he must be proud of his wife.

C. L. Smith
Mississippi

• We are happy to publish the picture of Rev. C. J. Abbott.—Editor.



Rev. C. J. Abbott

To the Editor:

We certainly appreciate the Evangel. This year's editions are something to look forward to each week. I especially liked the one which told what our officials were doing and their expected plans. There is one fault I find though—they are too short! I wish they could be twice the size they are. The Mother's Day issue of the Evangel has just come in and I did so much enjoy it. You just can't know what our Evangel means to me. I save them and some days I get them out and re-read them. Sometimes I become so engrossed in them time slips by unheeded. I started reading them when I was a little girl, and that was quite a few years ago.

Mrs. Ethel Zaukelles
Lansing, Michigan

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 4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
 5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
 6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
 7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
 8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
 9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
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 12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saints' feet.
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To the Editor:

I certainly do not wish to be critical, but I would like to call attention to an error in Brother M. G. McLuhan's article "We Pentecostals." He states that Christ's statement in John 20:22, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost" is in the present imperative form of the Greek verb. A careful check of this reveals that it is not a present imperative verb; it is an aorist imperative verb. Brother McLuhan goes on to say that the present imperative indicates present time, and therefore a present experience of the disciples at that moment. As paradoxical as it sounds, a present imperative Greek verb does not indicate present time; it indicates a command with a view toward repetition. "... The present imperative refers to it (action) as continuing or being repeated." (New Testament Greek for Beginners, Machen, J. Gresham, p. 180). I hope my calling attention to this does not seem offensive, it is sent only in kindness.

Name withheld by request.



Mrs. Clifford Jinkerson

To the Editor:

You will be interested to know that Mrs. Clifford Jinkerson, our pastor's wife, has been named as Rock Hill's (S. C.) "Mother of the Year." We, of the Rock Hill Church of God, feel that we are indeed fortunate in having a wonderful pastor who has such a lovely wife. Both of them are blessings to the community as well as to the Church. Sister Jinkerson was completely surprised, as she knew nothing of the honor bestowed upon her until the time of the presentation. The ceremony was tape recorded and played over both of the local radio stations. Also, pictures were made for out-of-town newspapers. Sister Jinkerson kept insisting that she did not deserve the honor and said that she felt very humble. Brother and Sister Jinkerson are well known throughout the Church and we thought you might be interested.

Mrs. G. C. Underwood
Rock Hill, South Carolina

What Shall I Preach?

By MANUEL F. CAMPBELL
Pastor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

WHAT SHALL I PREACH? There is a dreadful situation when Sunday morning finds the good pastor with no definite answer to this imperative question. The minister knows full well of the congregation to face, the souls to be encouraged, and the grave responsibility to be discharged. No earnest pastor could possibly be in this position without being greatly concerned. When a man is called of God to the ministry, his chief responsibility is to preach the Word; all other duties should be regarded as incidental. Spurgeon said of ministers, "It is our duty and our privilege to exhaust our lives for Jesus."

Week after week, many thousands of ministers stand behind pulpits to become human instruments for the transmission of sacred truth from God to man. The Christian pulpit is a nationally recognized holy place for the dissemination of the eternal Word of God. It is an infraction against God if the pulpit is robbed of this holy purpose. Martin Luther said, "I am an old man, and I know the art of public speaking, yet I tremble as I go to the pulpit."

It is true that the particular theme for the message may come to the minister, and usually does, only after much prayer and studious application; however, for the basic and most essential material it will be very good to consider the approach of Philip in his message to the eunuch he met, by divine arrangements, in the desert, Acts 8:35. "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him *Jesus*."

Philip chose the positive approach in presenting Christ. He had no personal pet theory to air; he wanted only to praise Jesus. Then because he praised Jesus he wanted this eunuch to likewise be affected by the living Christ.

Preaching Christ is an inexhaustible subject. Preaching Christ is the very kernel of the glorious gospel. There is no eternal good news if Christ is excluded. What shall I preach? Preach Christ the Promised One; preach Christ the Lamb of God; preach Christ the Crucified One; preach Christ the Victorious One. Yes, thank God, preach Christ to all men everywhere.

The eunuch was reading of the Promised One. He was reading in the book of Isaiah without comprehension of the marvelous truth it contained. But Philip, a man who had been baptized with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost, with a burning compulsion to tell someone about Jesus, took charge of the conversation and preached Jesus to a eunuch who was hungry for a good spiritual meal. This scene shows an inquisitive man meeting an inspired talkative man who told him about the Son of Man.

In Isaiah 7:14 we read, "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive,

and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." The most precious promise ever made to fallen man was that of the coming of Jesus Christ. The Sinless One was promised for the sinful many. The greatest expression of the love of God can be seen in the visitation of the Promised One from heaven.

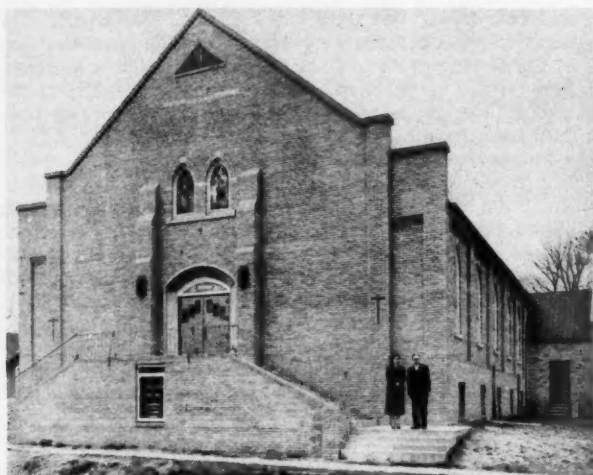
Furthermore, preach Christ, the Lamb of God. Preach Him in His purity. Preach Him in His vicarious death on the cross. John the Baptist saw Christ in the proper perspective and uttered, "Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." I see in Christ sufficient power to deal with all the sin problems. Please notice carefully what John the Baptist, by inspiration, said, "Behold the Lamb of God, *which taketh away the sin of the world*." This simply means that a person can be delivered from the power of sin, or the person will be taken away in his sins. A person will go to heaven without his sins, or he will go to hell with them. The word has been spoken, the plan is now in operation; some day in the future, Christ will make an end of sin. Some day in the future, this globe shall revolve in its orbit as a redeemed universe. Oh, blessed day!

PREACHING CHRIST, THE Crucified One, is most repulsive to some. They rebel at the bleeding Lamb and brand our belief as a slaughterhouse religion. It was Christ's dying an ignominious death that redeemed fallen humanity and a cursed universe. It was the Lamb of God who engaged in a bloody struggle with Satan, the lion, to wrench from his deceptive hands the souls of men. It would have served the cause of Satan if Christ had never died; but when Satan instigated men to nail Christ on the tree, and spill His blood, he sealed his own doom. When Christ bowed His precious head on the cross and uttered with much pain "It is finished," He unleashed dynamic redemptive power on earth. Ever since that day, saints have been rejoicing, and demons have been made to tremble. The most encouraging hope for a new world can be seen in the power of the crucified Christ. We now have the assurance of redemption from the scars of sin by faith in the atonement purchased by the blood of Jesus. This is not just another way; it is the only way. So, preach Jesus, the Crucified One.

I saw in the Carnegie Museum the "Dead Man of Kift." He was buried hundreds of years ago by his family and friends on the cliffs rimming the Nile Valley. In the dryness of Egypt his body shriveled and shrank and was remarkably preserved. Indicative of their belief of life beyond the grave, the family placed fourteen pots of food for his use in the next world. Thank God, no food was buried with Jesus, for He was in the tomb only a few hours. In those few hours, He forced Satan to surrender the keys of hell and of death and got up from the dusty grave to die no more. An angel proclaimed, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." If Satan could have kept Christ in the grave the disciples would have died of broken hearts, and we still would be in our sins. *Hallelujah* He broke the bars of the grave and we shout "glory" in this twentieth century.

The story is told of Jonathan Edwards who was asked by a young minister what he thought of a sermon he had just finished. "It was a very poor sermon, indeed," said Mr. Edwards. "Why?" asked the young minister. "Because," said Mr. Edwards, "there was no Christ in it."

What shall we preach? There is really nothing else worth while to preach save Christ Jesus, the Lord.



Eldorado, Illinois



Summit (Chicago), Illinois



Chicago (Narragansett Avenue), Illinois

Spiritual blessings

New members

Better property

Progress

for the Church of God

IN ILLINOIS

By F. W. GOFF

State Overseer

WITH A HEART OF GRATITUDE to God, the ministry, members, and friends of the Church of God in the State of Illinois, I give this report concerning the progress that has been made in the past eighteen months. When I came to the state in September, 1954, there were two churches under construction which have been completed.

We have purchased a church and a parsonage in Chicago, Narragansett Avenue, at a cost of \$56,300; the Chicago, Summit Church for \$25,000; the church in Kankakee for \$8,000; Sunday School addition in Norris City was built at a cost of \$15,000; parsonage in Carmi was built at a cost of \$11,000; the church at Robinson was built at a cost of \$22,000; Danville parsonage addition, at a cost of \$2,000; not a church, but a place to hold services in Xenia was purchased at \$1,000; the Harrisburg Church and parsonage was built, which is valued at \$40,000; the Sunday School addition was added to the Granite City Church at a cost of \$3,000. Including the two churches which were being constructed when I came, we have bought or built eight churches, four parsonages, and two Sunday School additions, at a total cost of approximately \$200,000.

There has been a gain of \$5,351.80 in the finance coming into the State Office, which includes tithes, orphanage and mission money. The spiritual progress of the church has not been what I would like to see, but we are, indeed, grateful for the progress that has been made. There have been 1,877 saved, 823 sanctified, 501 filled with the Holy Ghost, 201 baptized in water, and 543 added to the Church. Should this figure be a symbol of the 99 sheep in the fold, we feel constrained to go forth with all the power that God will grant to rescue the one that is out in the bleak, cold world.

Good News from

the

"Show - me State"

By B. E. ELLIS

State Overseer

FROM THE ASSEMBLY in 1954 through March, 1956, the Church of God in Missouri has enjoyed a ver substantial increase, for which we are thankful. The God-anointed ministers and faithful lay members have labored together with me, and God has showered both His spiritual and material blessings upon our work.

During this period there have been 1,583 saved, 460 sanctified, 356 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 252 baptized in water, and 438 united with the Church. The figures reveal that God has greatly blessed, but they tell only a part of the story. The spirit of evangelism has permeated the hearts and souls of God's people until many have become personal soul-winners for Him. The fellowship and unity, which has always been good, has grown to new heights in Christ.

It is generally the case that when people are being blessed of God they have a desire to expand their worship facilities and increase their capacity to do effective work for Christ. Five new churches with a value of \$39,500 have been either constructed or purchased, and one new parsonage with a value of \$7,000 has been purchased. Additional improvements valued at \$18,450 have been made to the Church property. At the present time, two churches and one parsonage with a total value of \$16,500 are under construction. With all of this material gain, the people have still exhibited a great longing to have the true power of God in their churches.

Some of the most heartening gains have been made in the Sunday School and youth departments, headed by Christopher Moree, one of our Lee College graduates. Substantial increases have been made in Sunday School and Y.P.E. attendance with many young people finding Christ as a result. Two of the projects contributing to the increase are the origination of district Sunday School and youth conventions and Missouri's first youth camp held in August, 1955, with 105 campers present. During the youth camp 34 youth were saved, many sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost, 34 baptized in water, and 16 added to the Church. Not only did the youth camp produce immediate spiritual results, but the lasting fellowship and enthusiasm created among the youth had a great effect upon the churches when the campers returned home. Another important factor in the in-

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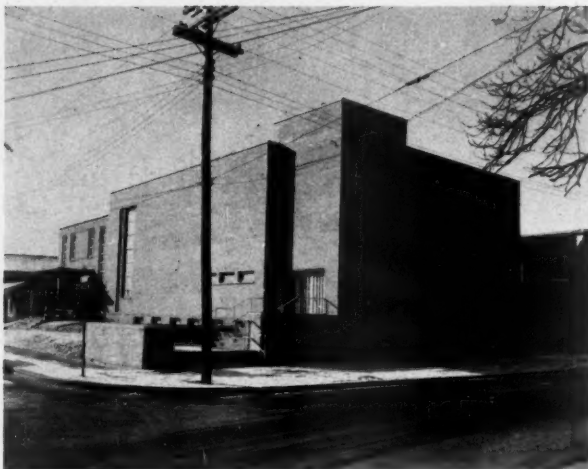
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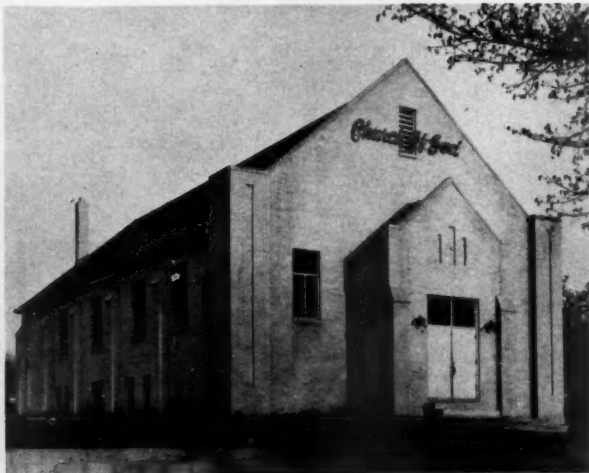
Missouri State Parsonage



Middletown, Ohio



Akron (East Market Street), Ohio



Hamilton (Kenworth Avenue), Ohio

The Church of God

in

Beautiful Ohio

By J. H. WALKER

State Overseer

OHIO, BEAUTIFUL OHIO, with its fertile lands, rolling hills, beautiful rivers and lakes, is transversed by a fine network of highways connecting its great cities, towns, villages, and countrysides. The 241-mile turnpike belts Ohio from Pennsylvania to Indiana. Ohio, with its 8 million people, ranks thirty-fourth in size but fifth in population. Yes, but there are millions yet unreached by God and His Church.

Ohio is a great agricultural, manufacturing and distribution center and is served by all the important east-west railroads of the northern United States, airlines and Great Lakes vessels. Its great cities are world leaders in production of machine tools, soap, electro-types and rubber products, and it has the largest coal-shipping port in the world. Ohio claims the title "Mother of Presidents," having sent eight of her sons to the highest office in the land.

In the beginning, Ohio's first settlement was made by Moravian missionaries led by a band of Christian Indians in 1772. In September of that year, the first church building was completed, and, in December, the first school building was constructed. The first state capital of Ohio was at Chillicothe as was the first Church of God (organized in 1916 by the never-to-be-forgotten Efford Haynes). At the General Assembly, 1917, Brother Haynes with his thirteen representatives reported that Ohio had six churches with 103 members. The Church of God has had eleven overseers in Ohio. Six of these have slipped away home. Four of the five remaining now live in Ohio (except missionary J. L. Goins, now in Bermuda). Ohio is still mission-minded, having given within three years \$76,875 to foreign missions. Our goal this year is to surpass all previous achievements. The tithes to the local churches averaged \$19,000 in 1952 each month but now exceeds \$33,000 monthly.

The Church of God in Ohio has made great progress during the past three and one-half years and the credit rightfully goes to the loyal and hard-working ministers and their faithful laity, and, especially, to our God who doeth all things well.

On an average a month, 180 reporting Ohio ministers visit 4,300 homes, preach 1,517 sermons, conduct 18 revivals to see 294 saved, 123 sanctified, 100 receive the Holy Ghost, 70 baptized in water, and 80 united with the Church.

Perhaps by comparison, we can see the picture clearer: The membership has reached 6,070, which is a net increase of 1,460 or about one-third of Ohio's total

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Progress for God

Reported in

MICHIGAN

By C. R. SPAIN

State Overseer

MICHIGAN HAD BEEN reached with the Church of God message by 1917, probably, at the church in Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula. Efford Haynes, the state overseer, said in 1922 that he had not been able to make any contact with anyone there; and, apparently, the church had been organized by some itinerant preacher and had never really had a start so far as knowing what the Church was. The Church of God was organized in Detroit, in 1921, by M. S. Lemons and Efford Haynes who held a revival in an independent Pentecostal mission. M. P. Cross went there to pastor in the fall of 1922. The first building the Church of God ever owned in Michigan was completed, in March, 1926, and the *grand opening* was held on March 21, 1926. Houston R. Morehead, the present Assistant General Overseer, was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost in that little building that year. Also, our Y.P.E. actually had its earliest beginning in Michigan, under the direction of Cross and Morehead. The most thrilling thing is seeing the progress that Michigan continues to make today. The present membership is 3,054, in 50 churches with 98 ministers. We have 53 Sunday Schools and 46 Y.P.E.'s. Since the 1954 Assembly, 14 new churches have been organized and the state has gained 1,032 new members. Also, we have gained 16 new Sunday Schools and 12 new Y.P.E.'s.



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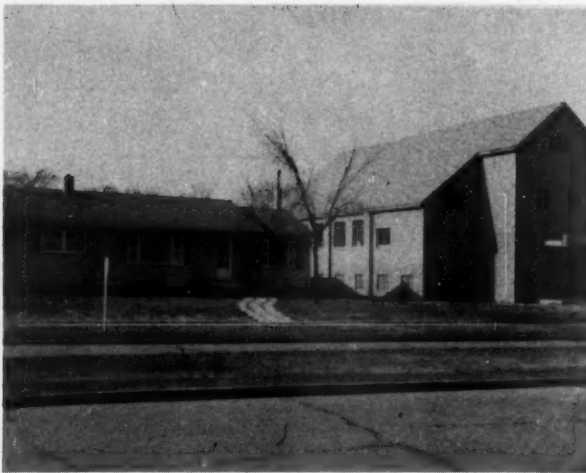
Ferndale, Michigan



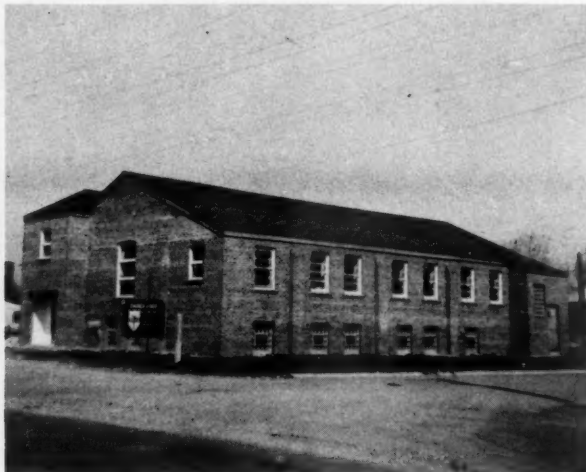
Warren, Ohio



Battle Creek, Michigan



Church and Parsonage in Mishawaka, Indiana



Hammond, Indiana

Both of these churches are relatively new and are the result of our Home Missions and General Headquarter's assistance. Today they are self-supporting with a tithes surplus.—
James A. Stephens.

Report from

The Hoosier State

By JAMES A. STEPHENS

State Overseer

FROM THE VERY OUTSET of this assembly year, the Almighty has been gracious in meting out His blessings upon Indiana. Capable leadership at the local church level, along with clear vision and willing hands among the laity, accounts, in a large measure, for our growth. Together, they have made a consecrated following of God's Spirit.

Since the General Assembly, we have organized eight new works, and we are operating three missions at the present time, which we feel will soon become organized churches. In four of the new fields we have been able to purchase property worth more than \$30,000. We are purchasing property and buildings in two of the mission fields. We feel confident that securing permanent property in a new community as soon as possible makes a weighty impression upon the city.

Our tithe to the State Office has increased from a monthly average of \$806.20 to \$955.64—a gain of \$149.44. We have enjoyed a net gain in Church membership of more than 200 precious people. Our property value has increased, approximately, one-quarter of a million dollars. The fact that building programs are in progress in sixteen communities at this writing, speaks well for the laboring hands of our brethren.

The Youth and Sunday School Departments have not been idle. Under the leadership of E. M. Abbott, State Director, we have grown from 45 to 55 Sunday Schools and from 44 to 52 Y.P.E.'s. The monthly attendance of the Sunday Schools has increased from 9,478 to 11,708—an aggregate gain of 42,370 over the past 19 months. The increased attendance of our Y.P.E.'s has been comparable, growing from a monthly average of 5,382 to 7,130—an aggregate gain of 33,212 in this department over the past 19 months.

I feel that God has been especially kind to us in every way since the General Assembly, and I truly believe, with the great Apostle, that "without Him, we can do nothing." Only as He leads and motivates our efforts will they be successful. I trust that, should Christ tarry, we may continue to see others brought into an intimate knowledge of Him and His Church.

Kansas State Slogan

"We Believe, Belong and Build"

By DOYLE STANFIELD

State Overseer

IF WE DO NOT believe in something, we will fall for everything. While this old world is tossed with its different beliefs, it is wonderful to be associated with a group of people who believe, belong and build together. Our goals are fixed, our aims are set. Evangelism is our life. One-fourth of our churches are in a revival each month. Kansas ministers, with a vision for the lost, have reached out into neighboring states in an all-out evangelistic crusade. The crusade was the result of fifty-seven conversions with sixteen uniting with the Church. We have conducted six conventions in the state for the sole purpose of promoting evangelism.

The ladies of the state also feel the urge of world-wide missions and are sponsoring a program to build a memorial in some foreign field along with their full schedule of home missions.

This missions evangelism has even reached the hearts of our youth, as we have eight juniors in one local church who have raised \$157 for the building of a memorial church and supporting a native worker.

All of the finances of the state are on the increase. The evangelistic emphasis along with our financial gain have made us realize we are not builders for time alone but for eternity.

Kansas has twenty churches with a membership of six hundred. The hard-working pastors, along with the laity, have built six new churches and five new parsonages. Numerous changes and improvements have been made on all properties of the state.

Youth camp has become a permanency in the Kansas church program. Last year, we had an enrollment of seventy-five. The youth camp climaxed with a 100 per cent acceptance of Christ by all campers.

Were it not for General Headquarters mission states, such as Kansas, could not survive. Their financial assistance has contributed largely to the success of the work in Kansas. Not only are the ministers and laity indebted to our forefathers for the heritage left to us but to all Church of God ministers and members everywhere who have supported us with prayers and finance. We shall, to the best of our ability, adhere to the principles taught to us, and we will build with a vision for the future of the Church.



Coffeyville, Kansas



Winfield, Kansas



Parsonage at Oswego, Kansas

The Church of God in Central Canada

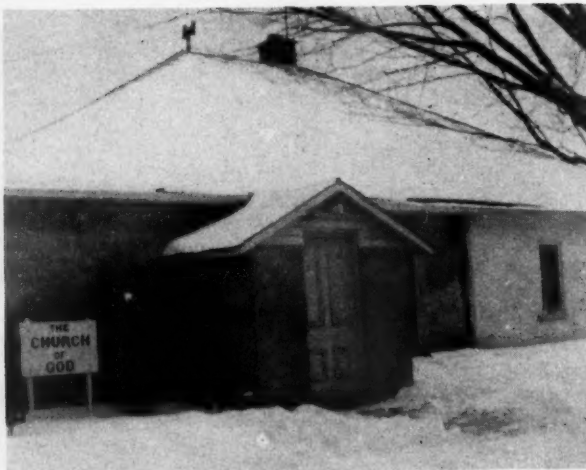
(Ontario)

By **GEORGE W. AYERS**

State Overseer



Windsor, Canada



Parkhill, Canada



Clearmont Mission, Canada

THE CHURCH OF GOD had its beginning in Central Canada in the city of *Windsor*. This city is just across the river from Detroit, Michigan. The first group of believers was organized into a church September 22, 1935, under the leadership of Carl A. Hughes. This was at 1037 London Street; the group later worshipped at 1516 Wyndotte Street and then at 650 Chatham Street. In 1942, lots were purchased at 3325 Walker Road, and at that time the present church was erected. It has pastor's living quarters at the rear. Under the supervision of Brother Glenn C. Pettyjohn, Overseer, 1944-48, another church was organized in Windsor. Property was purchased at Dougall and Hannah Streets; this property was later sold and the members were transferred to the Walker Road Church. Garland R. Walker is the present pastor.

In the spring of 1946, Brother Pettyjohn organized a church at *Parkhill* with nine members. He also secured the property where they now worship. The present pastor is Edward Corner.

A third church was organized at *Tottenham* by Brother Pettyjohn. The members are worshipping in a rented building, but last year they purchased lots on the main street in town with the intent of building soon. Richard H. Wise is the present pastor.

The church at *London* was organized by Darrell Lindsay, overseer, 1948-52, in the fall of 1951. Property was secured for the provincial parsonage and a place of meeting for the local congregation at 413 Horton Street. Under the supervision of Brother William Sullivan, overseer, 1952-55, this property was sold and a new provincial parsonage was purchased. Lots were bought, and a local church building was begun. Under the supervision of the present overseer, Brother George W. Ayers, March, 1955, the basement of the new church has been completed and the local congregation is worshipping in it.

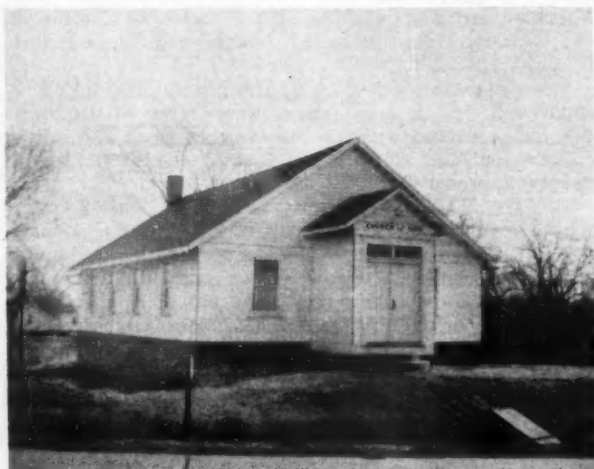
In March of 1955, Brother C. Woodbury opened a mission in *Claremont*. During a recent revival there were 17 converted, and we are expecting to organize at an early date.

At the present, in Central Canada, there is a total of 79 members in four organized churches and one mission, each having an active Sunday School (average monthly Sunday School attendance for the last eight months is 547), Y.P.E. (average Y.P.E. attendance in the last eight months is 484) and four L.W.W. bands meet regularly. Eleven new members have been received into the Church in the past four months, and through the cooperation of the ministers and laity, God has been blessing. There have been gains made in each department in attendance, finance and spiritual experiences.

Report from IOWA

By J. L. McCOY
State Overseer

IOWA NOW HAS 392 members and 13 churches with 11 pastors. We have 12 Sunday Schools and 9 Y.P.E.'s.



Centerville, Iowa



Davenport, Iowa

Schedule of State Camp Meetings

1956

| STATE | DATE | Headquarters Representative |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Alabama | July 2-8 | James A. Cross |
| Arizona | June 11-16 | Charles W. Conn |
| Arkansas | July 2-4 | Charles W. Conn |
| California-Nevada | June 18-24 | Charles W. Conn |
| Central Canada | June 4-10 | Houston R. Morehead |
| Colorado-Utah | June 14-17 | Charles W. Conn |
| Del.-Maryland-D. C. | July 16-22 | H. D. Williams |
| Florida | June 12-21 | Houston R. Morehead |
| Georgia | June 18-24 | Houston R. Morehead |
| Idaho | June 11-17 | H. D. Williams |
| Illinois | June 18-24 | James A. Cross |
| Indiana | July 2-7 | Charles W. Conn |
| Iowa | July 18-22 | James A. Cross |
| Kansas | June 18-24 | Charles W. Conn |
| Kentucky | June 11-16 | James A. Cross |
| Louisiana | June 11-15 | Zeno C. Tharp |
| Michigan | June 25-30 | James A. Cross |
| Minnesota | June 7-10 | James A. Cross |
| Mississippi | June 18-23 | Houston R. Morehead |
| Missouri | July 9-14 | H. D. Williams |
| Montana-Wyoming | July 12-15 | Houston R. Morehead |
| Nebraska | June 13-16 | H. D. Williams |
| New England States | July 23-29 | H. D. Williams |
| New Jersey | July 5-8 | James A. Cross |
| New Mexico | July 11-14 | H. D. Williams |
| New York | July 9-15 | James A. Cross |
| North Carolina | July 2-8 | Houston R. Morehead |
| N. and S. Dakota | June 18-24 | H. D. Williams |
| Ohio | June 11-17 | James A. Cross |
| Oklahoma | June 25-July 1 | Zeno C. Tharp |
| Pennsylvania | June 26-July 5 | H. D. Williams |
| South Carolina | July 2-8 | Zeno C. Tharp |
| Tennessee | June 18-24 | James A. Cross |
| Texas | June 1-7 | Zeno C. Tharp |
| Virginia | June 25-29 | Houston R. Morehead |
| Washington-Oregon | July 9-15 | Houston R. Morehead |
| Western Canada | July 17-22 | Houston R. Morehead |
| West Virginia | June 25-29 | Houston R. Morehead |
| Wisconsin | July 6-8 | Charles W. Conn |



The Texas Camp Meeting will convene June 1-7 at the state tabernacle in Weatherford, Texas. A. M. Phillips will be the night speaker, and H. D. Williams will be the morning speaker.



The Central Canada Convention will convene June 4-10 at 161 Sanders Street, London, Ontario. T. L. Forrester will be the night speaker.



The Minnesota Camp Meeting will convene June 7-10 in Minneapolis. James A. Cross will be the night speaker.

"SHOW-ME STATE"

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crease of the Sunday Schools and Y.P.E.'s is the emphasis put upon the district work with increased responsibility put upon the district director.

The Church of God Sunday School at Grand Avenue in St. Louis has focused national attention upon the State Sunday School program by being the first Missouri Sunday School to appear in the National Big Ten. To their lasting credit, they have appeared in the Big Ten five times since the 1954 Assembly. This, along with their winning of fourth place in Group A in the Church-wide Sunday School contest in the fall of 1955, has caused our Sunday School workers to become more aware of the great value of Sunday School work.

In the summer of 1955, a new State Office building, housing offices for the state overseer, the state youth director and the state secretary, was constructed. It is a sturdy frame building valued at \$3,000.

At the 1956 State Prayer Conference, the Church of God in Missouri took another great step forward in its work for God; a thirty-acre campground, located four miles west of Leadwood on State Highway 8, was purchased. The interest in the campground was so high that well over three thousand dollars in cash and pledges was raised at the prayer conference to help pay for the ground and the future construction of a tabernacle. A well has already been dug, and plans are being made for a permanent restaurant and refreshment stand, rest rooms and shower stalls to be constructed in time for this year's camp meeting. Hopes are high that a new tabernacle, 80 x 120 feet, will be ready for camp meeting in 1957.

The above progress has not come about because of the efforts of any particular individual, but it has come about through the efforts of many of God's people who yielded and dedicated themselves unselfishly to the work of God. As we notice the feeble efforts of man in his own strength and realize the great power of God, we can not help but feel, as Paul did, that it is "God who giveth the increase."



BEAUTIFUL OHIO

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membership in August, 1952. Our Sunday School attendance each week averages 8,986 now, which is an increase of 3,333 each week as enjoyed in 1952. The Y.P.E. attendance in 1952 averaged 3,395 each week but 4,979 in 1956.

Today, Ohio has 103 churches. Thirty of them have been organized since August, 1952. We now have 120 Sunday Schools. Since the inauguration of the Branch Sunday School program, Ohio has seen 15 of our 44 branches organized into established churches. We now have 92 Y.P.E.'s.

Ohio has 76 church buildings, 24 of which have been built or purchased since we came to this state, at a cost of \$565,100, which does not include our West Dayton church where Pastor R. Huff and brethren are building at a cost of approximately \$100,000. There are 39 par-

sonages in the state, 16 of which have been built or purchased since August, 1952, at a cost of \$166,700.

Our L.W.W.B.'s have done an outstanding work in furnishing the parsonages and assisting the pastors and churches with L.W.W.B. funds. Each year for the past three years the annual total increase has been, approximately, \$10,000 more than the previous year. Already for nine months the amount is \$44,579, which is more than for the twelve months last year.

In 1953 we had the state's first youth camp with 215 in attendance. The following year, the attendance rose to 260. Last year, with the camp's capacity crowd of 285, there were 55 saved, 28 baptized with the Holy Ghost, 48 baptized in water, and 32 added to the Church.

This past year has brought the investments of Ohio's young people into a mission field (Indonesia), amounting to over \$5,000, which provided the means of sending the first Church of God missionary to the 80 million people there. Ohio youth have, within the past year, raised \$10,000 to purchase their own youth camp site. Mission-minded as Ohio's youth are, they have also raised over \$4,000 to erect a Bible School administration building in Haiti.

The Ohio camp meetings and ministers' meetings and Bible and prayer conferences have been outstanding, marvelously filled with the blessings of God. The unity, cooperation, and spirit of fellowship is most blessed. I deeply appreciate the *great Church of God in Ohio*.

Yet, there remains a great task here. With 8 cities with a population of over 25,000; 33 cities with a population of 10,000 to 25,000; 47 cities with a population of 5,000 to 100,000; 52 villages with a population of 3,000 to 5,000 (14 altogether); plus hundreds of smaller communities without Church of God services, Ohio remains an outstanding challenge to every God-called minister in the Church of God who is not working full-time in the ministry. God is calling. Who will go? Will you?



The Louisiana Camp Meeting will convene June 11-15 in the Grammar School Auditorium in Covington, Louisiana. Ray H. Hughes will be the night speaker.

The Arizona Camp Meeting will convene June 11-16 in Phoenix. Vep Ellis will be the night speaker.

The Kentucky Camp Meeting will convene June 11-16 at the campground in Lexington.

The Idaho Camp Meeting will convene June 11-17 at the Baptist Youth Camp in Coeu d' Alene.

The Ohio Camp Meeting will convene June 11-17 at the Methodist Campground in Lancaster.

The Florida Camp Meeting will convene June 12-21 at the campground in Wimauma. C. R. Spain will be the night speaker.



Telegram

CLARKSBURG, W. Va.—The Pentecostal power is in Clarksburg. We are having the greatest revival meeting in the history of the church here. Twenty have been saved, and 26 have been filled with the Holy Ghost. The meeting is still going with Sister Dorothy Petty as the evangelist.—J. F. O'Hara, Pastor.

Thirty-two Converted in Beaufort, S.C.

BEAUFORT, S. C.—We have, recently, had a great revival at the Church of God in Beaufort, South Carolina. Thirty-two have been saved, 21 sanctified, 14 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 17 added to the Church. This was the greatest revival in the history of the church. The Holy Ghost came down in a wonderful way many nights and there was no preaching. Brother L. J. Stone of Walterboro was the evangelist.—A. C. Godwin, Pastor.

Church Blessed by Revival

CARROLLTON, Ga.—Recently, we had a great revival in which the presence of the Holy Ghost was very real. Several were blessed in the altar and several were healed. Three were added to the Church. The evangelist for this revival was Brother H. L. Whittington of Atlanta, Georgia, who preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Our church was greatly blessed and built up. Any church would be very fortunate to be able to secure Brother Whittington's services in a revival. His humble, Spirit-filled ministry will be remembered long among us here. We are beginning a radio broadcast on Sunday, April 15, which he helped us to get started. We will be on the air from 7:15 to 7:45 over WLBB, Carrollton, Georgia, at 1100 on the dial.—R. F. Wilson, Pastor.

Old-Fashioned Preaching

PEKIN, Ind.—We are praising God for the wonderful revival here in this new field. We were so fortunate to have Brother Bee Day and his good wife to come our way. God surely blessed in a marvelous way from the very first service to the last, as Brother Day preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. The power of God came down in such a great way that Brother Day said that many times he thought he would not be able to stand on the rostrum. We never knew what would be next. I thought the rapture was about to take place. This really was great for the people who had never heard an old-fashioned Church of God preacher. Brother Day had been in ill health, but he is now back

on the battlefield for God. Seven were saved, 3 sanctified, 2 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 2 added to the Church. During the last week of the meeting a tornado swept through this part of the country, just missing our little town. We praise God for this. There is a lot that could be said, but we would not be able to explain it all; however, we believe it was the great hand of God which spared us. Services were conducted by candlelight on that same night that the tornado came through, and God still blessed. Some of the church people who lived in the area where the tornado struck were not hit. Two children who had gotten saved during the meeting saw the awful storm coming straight toward their home. One of them said, "Let's pray." While they were praying, the tornado passed over and hit the other home near by. I know God watches over His people and His ears are open to their cries. We certainly do appreciate our good pastor, Brother Perry Riley, and his good wife.—Mrs. John Dunn.

Sick Healed During Meeting

JACKSONVILLE (SUNBEAM), Fla.—The Sunbeam Church of God has just, recently, had one of the greatest revivals ever to come our way. Our evangelist was Brother L. R. Walton of Nichols, Georgia. Only time in the great beyond will tell the story of the good that was accomplished in this revival. The church was filled each night as Brother Walton preached under the great anointing of the Holy Ghost. Sixteen were saved, 6 sanctified, 5 filled with the Holy Ghost, and 5 added to the Church. Also many souls were blessed, and sick bodies were healed. May the Lord bless Brother Walton and his good family. Pray for our church that it will go over the top for Jesus.—Idell Sheppard.

Revival Stirs Young People

GRAHAM, Ga.—We thank and praise God for the wonderful revival we had which was conducted by our good evangelist, Sister Rosie Lee Spell. Nine were saved, 5 sanctified, and 5 filled with the Holy Ghost. The services were well attended and the interest was unusual night after night. The sweet Spirit of the Lord came down and blessed our souls, and there were manifestations of the Spirit in such a way that the altar would be almost full. It was particularly thrilling to see our young people moved through soul-stirring messages which came forth by the great anointing power of God. This revival has built up the church spiritually. I am sure eternity alone

will reveal all the good done in this meeting. We are so proud of our good pastor, Brother A. J. Clements, and his wonderful family. We also have good music and singing. We have a *go ye* in our souls and a deeper consecration for greater service to God and His Church. Any church would do well to have Sister Spell for a revival.—Mrs. Mamie Carter.

Twenty-five Converted in Marysville

MARYSVILLE, Calif.—We closed a four weeks' revival on Easter Sunday. God surely met with us in a mighty way during this revival, and we really heard some good old-fashioned holiness preaching from our evangelist, Brother Don Parker from Oklahoma. Twenty-five were saved, 7 filled with the Holy Ghost, 18 baptized in water, and 14 added to the Church. We surely thank God and to Him be all the glory. The Holy Ghost took over on several nights and gave messages in other tongues. The altar was full night after night, and the power and blessings of our precious Lord Jesus Christ were surely with us during the entire revival. One man who had once been a Church of God preacher for 17 years but had been backslidden for 6 years came back to God, and Jesus in His love and mercy took him back and saved him. We will never be able to thank God enough for what He has done for us here. We are a new work—just two years old—but God is with us in a mighty way. Pray for us as we labor together for the lost. Our pastor is Brother L. E. Stephens.—Johnnie B. Harrell.

Ten New Members Gained During Revival

SMITHSBURG, Md.—March 27 will long be remembered as the starting date of one of the finest revival efforts that this area has ever known. Brother Elwood Kern, Maryland State Evangelist, came to be with us for three weeks. We had a Holy Ghost revival, and nearly every night there were experiences for God despite inclement weather, snow and cold. Mighty messages came forth from the evangelist, but on some nights the Spirit of God took over altogether. By April 15, at the close of the revival, 7 had been filled with the Holy Ghost; besides, there had been countless refillings. Sixteen had been saved in addition to several who had been reclaimed. Ten adult members joined the local fellowship of the Church of God. For it all we say, "Praise God and to Him be the glory." Brother Kern will bless any church that has him for a revival.—M. G. Summers, Pastor.



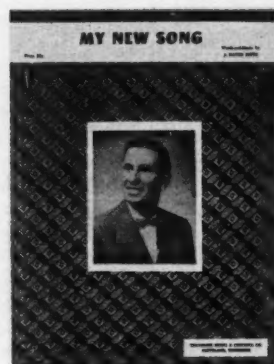
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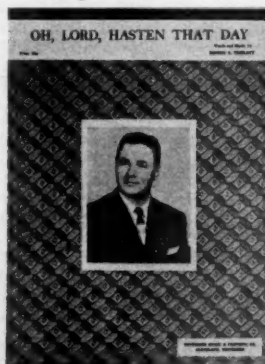
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LEWIS

The death angel visited the home of Brother George Lewis and took his faithful wife, Lizzie Lewis, who suffered a heart attack. She was a member of the Church of God at Middlesboro, Kentucky, for several years before coming to Michigan. At the time of her death, she was a member at 144 Rosalie Street, Monroe, Michigan, and was faithful to the Church. She will be greatly missed by the Church and her friends, but our loss is heaven's gain. She was taken to Middlesboro, Kentucky, for burial.—J. L. Guthrie, Pastor.

CARTER

Mrs. Maude Frarra Carter has gone to be with the Lord. She departed this life March 14, at the age of 55. She was a member of the Church of God at Whitman, West Virginia, where she was loved and will be sadly missed by everyone. Survivors include her husband, Robert Carter; seven daughters; and three sons.—Mrs. Irene Adkins, Clerk.

LAWSON

Elva Lawson, wife of Brother Albert Lawson departed this life March 29 at the age of 34. She had been a Christian and member of the Church of God at Allisonia, Virginia, for the past 13 years. She was secretary-treasurer of our L.W.W.B., teacher of the Youth Sunday School Class, and a faithful worker in our church. A dear one from us has gone; A voice we loved is still. There's a vacant seat within our church That no one else can fill.—Mrs. Josephine Landreth.

RIDGEWAY

On last Thanksgiving Day, the death angel took Russell Ridgeway home to be with Jesus at the age of 74. He had the Holy Ghost and had been a faithful member of the Mt. Zion Church of God, in Alabama, for about 40 years. He left behind one daughter, seven sons, four brothers, five sisters, and a host of friends and loved ones. The funeral was held by Brother Maxwell and Brother Preston.—Velma Sue Painter.

BROWN

On February 1, 1956, the death angel came for our sweet, faithful sister, Martha Brown, age 37, of 1405 Eighteenth Place, S.W., Birmingham, Alabama. She was a great worker in the Church, a great prayer warrior, a wonderful mother, and a devoted wife.



She lived close to the Lord and was a great light to her family. She left her husband, W. T. Brown; two sons, Jack Wayne and Norman; five sisters and one brother. Her funeral was conducted at the North Birmingham Church of God, by Brother J. T. Peoples and Brother F. M. Sides, her pastor.—Lottie Cornelius.

EDENFIELD

Charlie A. Edenfield, 78 years of age, passed on to his reward March 1. Brother Edenfield had been a faithful member of the Church of God for forty-five years. He had been a subscriber to the Church of God *Evangel* since 1910. He was a very devout Christian and loyal member of the church. His suffering was of short duration but very great and painful. He was a great believer in divine healing and trusted his body completely in the hands of the Lord to the very end. Just a few minutes before he crossed over to the other side, he looked up and asked the Lord to give him grace to trust Him just a little longer. The dear Lord answered his prayer, and his face lighted up with the glory of God as the Holy Ghost came upon him and witnessed for himself. In just a short time he was in the arms of Jesus. The Church of God in Fort Myers, Florida, has lost a faithful member, but our loss is heaven's gain. He leaves his wife and two fine sons, together with a host of other relatives and friends. He is going to be missed by them so very much for he was very devoted to his family. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor and his body was laid to rest in the Fort Myers Cemetery where it will come forth in all its glory and beauty in the great resurrection.—E. M. Ellis, Pastor.

ANDERSON

Stephen (Steve) Anderson passed away at the St. Luke Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota, on April 9 at 4:23 a.m. Steve was a member of the Church of God at Wahpeton, North Dakota, for many years. He was active in the church as a Sunday School teacher, and he also served on the pastor's council. On April 18, 1952, he married Doris Boumont of Wahpeton. To this union was born a son, Curtis LeRoy. Interment was made at Eagle Cemetery, Christine, North Dakota, April 12.—Bernard Knispel.

CAMPBELL

On December 27, 1955, the death angel suddenly visited the home of Sister Mattie Campbell and claimed her for his own. I know of no one who is more upright and pure than

Sister Campbell was. She was a devoted mother, a wonderful Christian, and a citizen of which to be proud. She was full of the Holy Ghost and a living example to both young and old. She was a member of the Church of God in Ellijay, Georgia, where she was teacher of the young people's class. To know her was to love her. No matter what your problems were, she always had an answer to solve them, either from the Scriptures or her own personal experiences. She is greatly missed at home, church and on the public job. Many have spoken of her life and called her a "blessed woman." The funeral was conducted at the Logan Funeral Home in Ellijay by her pastor, Brother Paul Hughs, and Brother Walter Simmons. Her body was placed to rest in Bethesda Cemetery at Nelson, Georgia, to await the first resurrection when she shall come forth to meet the Lord in the air where partings come no more.—Ressie Smith.

DOUGLAS

E. D. Douglas, an ordained minister of the Church of God, passed away in November, 1955, in Macon, Georgia.

NOLEN

R. M. Nolen, an ordained minister of the Church of God, passed away December 27, 1955, in Austin, Texas.

WALTERS

Sister Sarah Florance Walters departed this life to be with Jesus, on February 5, at the age of 87. She was a charter member of the Church of God in Big Springs, Texas, where Brother George Asher is the pastor. She is survived by 5 daughters, 3 sons, 34 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren. She made her home with Mrs. A. C. Goddard, her daughter in Brownwood, Texas. Brother F. C. Dozer conducted her funeral in Big Spring. She will be missed by the church and her many friends and relatives. She is at rest awaiting the resurrection.—Mrs. E. E. Long, her daughter.

JOHNSON AND ROBERTS

The Church of God at Key West, Florida, has lost two faithful members: Brother Victor Hampden Roberts, who died April 14, 1956, and Mrs. Lorenzo Johnson, who died April 21, just one week later. They were faithful members and attendants of the Church of God here and will be greatly missed by all. Our loss is heaven's gain.

They have gone to be with Jesus, Where partings come no more, So we will strive to meet them; On heaven's celestial shore.

—J. M. Baldree, Pastor.

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